

REMARKS

We submit the amendments above in response to the March 18, 2008 Office Action where the Examiner rejected all the then pending claims (11-21) as unpatentable over Charrouf and Fabre and/or Charrouf and Fabre in view of Martin et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,616,936 ("Martin"). Claim 11 was also objected to for an informality now resolved in new claim 32, and claim 18 was rejected under section 112, which is now moot because we cancelled claim 18. These remarks comment on the art rejections insofar as they may relate to the amended claims above. Our understanding is that the Examiner withdrew claims 22-31 from consideration.

The presently claimed invention relates to methods of treating skin damaged by UV-A and or UV-B that involve applying a composition comprising a pulp extract from *Argania spinosa* and a dermopharmaceutical auxiliary and/or additive. There is no teaching or suggestion in the art cited by the Examiner that such an extract would have any beneficial effect on UV-damaged skin. Applicants not only discovered that *Argania spinosa* extract had such an effect, but that its effect was very significant (see, e.g., specification pp. 39-46).

In light of such activity, we submit that the currently pending claims are allowable over the art of record. We request a notice of allowance in the next action.

We authorize the Commissioner to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5425.

Respectfully submitted,

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